Summary of Meeting with (b) (6)

Date: Monday, November 26, 2018, 1:30 – 2:00 PM.

Location: (b) (6)

Attendees: OIG point of contact (POC)

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usually participates in person or by telephone, but was unavailable.
The meeting consisted of a discussion of concerns about the R9 Regional Administrator's (RA) lack of presence in San Francisco, the primary location of EPA Region 9. R9 has other field offices, including one in Los Angeles and a smaller one in San Diego. Main concerns expressed by (b) (6)

- The RA is seldom in the SF Office. He is generally on travel or in the LA office.
- (b) (6) could not remember the RA being in the SF office at any time during November 2018.
- (b) (6) expressed opinion that the RA was trying to spend much of his time in LA to justify a change in his duty station to LA.
- (b) (6) indicated that the RA was trying to establish a one-year pilot with his duty station in LA, which had been discussed with Ryan Jackson, the EPA Chief of Staff.
- expressed frustrations with the RA's travel. (b) (6) ensuring that the RA's travel is consistent with EPA policies. (b) (6)
- (b) (6) expressed frustration with incorrect travel advice the RA had been receiving from (b) (6)
- (b) (6) expressed concerns about the number of RA trips and their expense, and the impact on the R9 budget.